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## A Christmas Message

— REV. J. Q. KILLEN, P. P. —  
St. Rita's Church, Rockyf rd

"This day is born to you a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord."

Once again the message of the herald angels comes to us on the wings of faith from Bethlehem's bleak snow-covered hills to the hearts of all faithful Christians summoning us to celebrate with joyfulness the greatest anniversary in the world's history — the birth of the world's Redeemer.

Christ's coming so completely covered the history of the world, that all the revolutions of the centuries have not obliterated its effect, nor lessened its significance for us. His faithful disciples of today.

Christmas bridges the deep chasm of time, unites the present with the past and makes the great event which it commemorates very near as well as very dear to us. With hearts as resonant as the first adorners and with faith even more lively, we take our place each year on this happy day beside Mary and Joseph with the Shepherds and the Magi kneeling in loving adoration before the humble crib that cradled the Word made flesh, the Eternal Son of God become incarnate for love of us.

How and it is that this Christmas, this season of peace and good-will, finds us still engaged in a murderous war with our fellow members of the human race! It must seem awfully strange for the Prince of Peace to step out of His heavenly home of peace and love into a land of screaming shells and roaring guns, a land of envy and hate. And that after His having unceasingly flooded the earth with goodness and kindness ever since a "bright light" woke the Shepherds on the hillside of Bethlehem and angels sang about peace on earth to men of good-will. After 2000 years of Christianity the dove of peace is still fluttering about seeking a spot of good-will whereon to light. Were our faith weaker, we might almost doubt Christ's wisdom in lavishing so much attention upon us with so little response from us. But mercy is part of goodness and kindness, and so Christ, the Prince of goodness and kindness, puts up with the short-comings of His unappreciative creatures. That is why He will not cut us off His gift-list at Christmas and will deign to come to us as ever before, loaded with graces for even the most undeserving of us.

As we gather in our churches on this blessed Christmas day let us beseech the Prince of Peace for everything for which He was born on earth. Let us pray for peace, for love, for free-

dom, for friendship. Let us pray for the thousands of cold, hungry and homeless souls who are living in the war-torn countries. Let us pray for our own loved ones — sons, fathers, brothers — in the army, in the navy, in the air force who are fighting our battles. Let us pray the "crucelling wars to cease, and make way for the Prince of Peace at Christmastide."

To the readers of the Standard I extend my sincere and prayerful wishes for a Blessed Christmas. May "the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding" fill your hearts during this joyous season and throughout the New Year.

## Christmas Message

— M. MACLEOD —  
Superintendent of Schools

The editor of the Strathmore Standard has asked me to send a message to the members of the staff of the Wheatland School Division No. 49.

With the present state of flux in world society it is very difficult to attain a sense of permanent values. Even life itself seems to be regarded more lightly in time of war.

Most of the teachers have many friends serving in the army, navy, or air force — fathers, brothers, sisters and husbands. It has been very difficult for them under such conditions to view classroom problems as they would have done some years ago.

The requirements for help on the home front have seriously interfered with the attendance of the senior pupils and therefore with school progress.

Under such abnormal conditions it is hoped that each teacher will continue to serve in the school as her relations are serving abroad, each performing maximum effort in the most unselfish manner.

However, it is earnestly hoped that all will find time to participate in the activities of the season, for I do not think there is any better way of maintaining morale, and morale is what is needed above all things at the present time.

With the Season's Greetings,  
M. MacLeod.

## PRESENTATION TO PIONEER FAMILY

A number of close friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gray on Saturday evening to bid them fare-

## Christmas 1942

— REV. E. J. HOAD, B.A., L.Th. —  
St. Michael & All Angels' Church  
Strathmore

Another wartime Christmas comes

— Christmas 1942. The old yet new message still rings out "Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour." Voices still sing the Gloria in Excelsis. Wherever Christian people meet the words echo and the spirit of the Christ Child penetrates the heart of man. Today the same great tidings come to us, we sing the same carols,

yet they are the expression of the love and adoration of our inner selves. Today, as ever, the thought of Christmas is refreshing, inspires friendship in a more radiant smile, a happy greeting and a warmer hand clasp. The spirit of Christmas, this year, is again overshadowed by suffering and the heartaches of all our people. We cry out in the face of its message, "Peace on earth good will among men."

Yet these words still stand, words which will echo and re-echo down through the ages, words that have been and will be on the lips of thousands. Do we ask why? Surely it is because through the Christ Child we have Hope, Comfort, Peace, Assurance and Strength; Hope for the future, Comfort in our sorrows, Peace in the innermost sanctuary of our lives, Assurance that He is with us — Emmanuel, Strength to go on living. As a nation at war let us endeavour to do His Will. Let us not ask for ease but pray that we may have strength equal to our tasks. Let the Spirit of Christmas with its note of joy filter through our lives knowing that through and in the Christ Child lies our way, the way to victory and the brotherhood of mankind. To all then, a Happy and Holy Christmas.

well before their departure to Calgary in the near future.

The evening was spent in Old Time Dancing, and Singing after which Mr. A. D. Shrimpton, on behalf of the community took this opportunity to present Mr. and Mrs. Gray with a beautiful Silver Tea Service. Mr. Gray thanked their many friends on behalf of himself and Mrs. Gray.

Following the presentation a delicious lunch was served.

Their friends then wished them happiness in their new home and after singing, "For they are Jolly Good Fellows," wended their ways homeward.

## A Christmas Message

— REV. W. E. SIEDER —  
Carseland United Church

A mystic sense of peace falls upon our spirits at Christmas time as our thoughts turn to the sacred hills of Judea. There we rest a while beneath the starlit sky to meditate upon the message proclaimed by the heavenly choir to the lowly shepherd folk.

A strange stillness fills our hearts with awe as we pause from our feverish activities to go with the shepherds to worship at the manger of Bethlehem. Within our hearts it is Christmas. Joy and Gladness have cast their magic spell over our spirits.

As we reverently turn our thoughts towards Bethlehem our souls are lifted high above the common-place spirits of our everyday life; up into the healing light of God's Spirit where Peace and Good-Will are in the very atmosphere we breathe; where strife and discord fade away in the sacred hush of Christmas in the soul.

Deep within our hearts is born a wistful longing. A silent hope that the spirit of Christmas may soon govern all human relationships. A longing for that new Day when Jesus shall be the central figure in the whole drama of human life even as the Babe of Bethlehem is central in the drama of the Christmas story.

Softly breathing within the manger lies the Christ-child, adored by the shepherds and worshipped by the Wise Men from the East. Can it be that the hope of the world lies wrapped up in that new-born Babe of Bethlehem? Can it be that before the hopes of humanity can be realized that the wisdom of the world must return to worship at the shrine of the Birth of Him who revealed the Divine Life among men? We pause to meditate.

The Wise Men turn their steps homeward, filled with awe and wonder and with many misgivings about man's willingness to follow the Counsel of God. They are thinking of Caesar, sitting in Imperial splendor in the great Palace in Rome, vainly dreaming his dreams of Peace of the World. Was it not securely established and maintained by his Legions and by the Pax Romana? Would the world follow Caesar's way or the way of the Christ-child? They wondered.

In Jerusalem they had seen Herod troubled and agitated. He, that by the power of the sword maintained "Peace and Order" within his realm was even now "seeking the young child's life to destroy it" by intrigue and deceit. They thought of the religious leaders in the Temple who by their policy of expediency had become "blind leaders

of the blind." Yes, they wondered! In His Heaven above God was planning the salvation of an erring World, saying to Himself: "I sent them my prophets; they stoned some, killed others. They rejected and ignored my message. Now I will send them My Son — Mine Only-Begotten Son. He shall teach them the Way of Life and live as an example among them. They will hear Him and follow Him. My heart is yearning for the return of a Prodigal World."

And so God gave us His Son, and we celebrate His birthday again at this Christmas season.

And so the story of God's seeking takes us to the carpenter shop at Nazareth. Into the healing and teaching Ministry of Jesus and on to the Cross of Calvary where Good-Will and Love found their perfect expression in Life and death. Where God's forgiving Love is perfectly revealed in a Saviour hanging upon the Cross, pleading and praying for His enemies thus: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

In the bright light of that unquenchable love poured out on Calvary's Cross the Christmas joys become sacred and purposeful, even as Calvary is fulfilled on Easter Morn, so Christmas is fulfilled in the Life and Death and Resurrection of the Christ that was born for our Salvation.

At this Christmas Season we again pay homage to the new-born Saviour-King. We laud the Angelic Message of "Peace on Earth among Men of Good-Will" and for a brief period make a noble response to our Heavenly Father's yearning for us. We renew our hearts in His Great Love as we celebrate the Birth of our Saviour.

May I conclude with this Wish to all our Readers: "May all your Christmas joys be spiritually deepened by a full apprehension of the Promises and Blessings of Christmas. For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

A Happy and Deeply Joyous Christmas  
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W. E. Sieder.

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### ANNUAL MEETING OF Berta Vale — Serviceberry Women's Institute

A very successful bazaar whist drive and dance, sponsored by the Berta Vale — Serviceberry W. I., was held in Berta Vale School on Friday, December 4th. The many beautiful and practical articles on the bazaar tables "sold like hot cakes." Mrs. Strubie and Mrs. Warrack in charge of the bean-guessing contest were kept busy recording the guesses. There were two winners, so they cut the cards, the box of chocolates to go to the man who drew the high card. Mr. Donald Nelson was the lucky man. Prizes for the whist were won as follows:

Ladies first — Mrs. Thomas Taylor

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Gents first — Mr. Leonard Hilton

Gents consolation —

Mr. Corny Lauwerysen

Lunch was served at midnight followed by dancing until 2.30. Music was supplied by Miss Pearl Stewart and Mr. Norluj.

The ladies wish to thank all those who patronized the affair and helped to make the evening such a success, and especially Mr. Clifford Way who was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Leonard Hilton was the hostess on Thursday December 10. There was a good attendance of 14 members. The treasurer's report showed that \$35.00 was cleared on the bazaar whist drive and dance. Five dollars was donated to the "Aid for Russia Fund" and five dollars was also donated to the Salvation Army.

The annual reports were read by the Secretary and the Treasurer. They showed that a good deal of sewing and knitting had been accomplished and turned over to the Red Cross, and a substantial sum of money was raised. The president thanked the members for their loyal support, and hoped that 1943 would be as successful a year.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President — Mrs. Morton

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2nd. Vice President — Mrs. Strubie

Secretary — Mrs. C. Way

Treasurer — Mrs. L. Hilton

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Auditors — Mrs. F. Hilton

Mrs. Warrack

After the meeting adjourned the exchange of Christmas gifts took place, and a delicious tea was served.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Warrack on January 7. The roll call will be — Suggestions for the new program for 1943.

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## THE NEW WORLD ORDER

WHEREVER people meet some thought is turned towards the kind of world we will have in post war times. There is something magnetic about the words "New World Order." They give us a chance as pseudo economists, social workers etc. to express our thoughts and give a panacea for the ills of the present society. Several suggestions have been promoted. We have President Roosevelt's Freedoms, then again the Atlantic Charter, but these at their best are but generalizations. Is it not true that we should have some further pronouncements with thought for their more detailed implementation? In a general way we know that it will mean a change, but cannot we, the citizens - who are the state, know more of the demands that will be made upon us? It is true that we are prosecuting a total war but it is equally true that there are still some experts who could be working on this all important matter, as a commission, and make known their recommendations from time to time. In all probability they would not meet with unanimous approval but public opinion could be educated to accept their proposals. We cannot confine them to our own borders but must be ready to implement them internationally. Some nations will readily accept them others will have to be treated as pathological cases within community. It may perhaps take several generations of careful guidance and education to eliminate the undesirable qualities and replace them with the better values of life. We are not going to make any suggestions regarding the inauguration of this, as there are others who are much better qualified to work out the details. We are in accord with the Four Freedoms. The unconscious fear of the future in the human race must be eliminated and replaced with a sense of security. If their suggestions do not meet with our own theories let us keep an open mind and be ready to study and try to understand them and the reasoning which lies behind them. Our voices should be heard at the moment asking for the details. Effort must be expended now if we are not only to "win the war" but "win the peace" and establish a New World Order which history in future days will regard as a step forward in the progress of civilization. —Contributed

**"When The Lights Come On Again All Over The World And The Ships And Boys Come Home Again All Over The World."**

THE implications in these words of this very beautiful new song are so far reaching and the possibilities that lie in fulfillment of these conditions, can be so universally beneficial, that we feel the very essence of the Spirit of Christmas lies in the lap of their fulfillment—but still further the fulfillment of the teachings and purpose of Christ's Mission on earth will result.

"When the lights come on again" not merely the material lights which have "blacked out" to give no clue to the enemy, but the spiritual lights should give to those who sit at the Council Table a will to make a Just Peace so that the lights of freedom will over spread the world and hence make possible a condition which

shall share with all men the blessing which should be Universal—"All Over the World"—whether he be black—brown—yellow or white.

"When the ships can sail again all the world." What a complexity of emotions rises with these words. As the ships and trains moved out—pride in the strength embodied—hope—trembling fears—devotion to a cause aspiration, loneliness, heart hunger, self abnegation, gratitude, despair at the thought of unseparable and unnecessary suffering to be endured broken lives, broken hopes, broken aspirations.

Then when the Ships and Trains come home again bringing their precious cargo of victors, men who have played their part in redeeming the world from a cruel despotism how great the rejoicing! It is then our part to play an equally courageous part by leaving no stone unturned to evolve a New World Order that will in truth establish Peace and the Kingdom of Christ here on earth, and help the Lights to Shine all over the World. Herein must we each act—it will not be easy but it will be eminently worth while, and the time to start is NOW.

## THE HEAVENLY GUEST

If you open the door and let Christ in He will come as a courteous guest He will take the space that you give to Him

And will leave you all the rest;

If you crowd Him out of your largest room

And give him a corner small,

If you scarcely remember that He is there

And speak of Him not at all,—

Ah, then He may grieve when He sees your mind

By the cares of the world possessed, When your feet have strayed and your soul is faint

And your heart by grief oppress;

But He cannot comfort and lift and guide

And help as he longs to do—

Where He sits apart in your House of Life—

For you have not asked Him to.

THE Dominion Government have made it very easy for the Citizens of this country to demonstrate their patriotism during this Christmas season. In the Post Offices and Banks are very attractive Christmas Cards with a space for the attachment of War Savings Stamps and Certificates.

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## ROCKYFORD

— By K. M. G. —

The turkey grading day at Rockyford on December 11 was not very successful in quantity but the quality of birds brought in were of the highest; and it would look like the very best for the Christmas season this year.

Rockyford Public School Christmas Entertainment, Tree and Dance in aid of the Junior Red Cross promises to be of great interest and will be held on Friday Dec. 18th in the hall.

On Sunday the Separate School tree and treat is to be held in the hall and on Monday evening the United Church Sunday School will hold theirs in the Church.

Some of the sick from around town have returned home. Mrs. Stone came back on Thursday and Mrs. Poole on Saturday of last week.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Ambrose Wise. She has just undergone a serious operation in the Holy Cross Hospital.

The Rockyford United Church Ladies Aid Society met at the Church parlors on Thursday December 10 for their annual meeting. The reports for 1942 were read and showed a splendid year. For the Election of officers Rev. Ellison took the chair. The new staff consisted of Mrs. G. Pomroy, President; Mrs. Ellison, 1st. Vice and Mrs. Gibson 2nd. Vice, and Mrs. Piggins 3rd. Vice; Mrs. Bradwell was elected Secretary and Mrs. Roberts returned to office as Treasurer. Mrs. Ellison Chaplain. The Committees for the Hall will be appointed before the next meeting on January 14th. A social hour of games and lunch followed the business of the day.

## CARILLON FROM TORONTO

On Christmas Eve, bells will ring out over the city of Toronto, and over the National network of the CBC, from the Hart House carillon in the Soldiers Tower. J. Leland Richardson, Toronto-born president for Canada of the Guild of Carilloneurs, will play the twenty three bells in the Memorial Tower in a programme beginning at 8:15 CDT (5:15 p.m. MDT). Mr. Richardson studied the art of the carillon in Belgium, ancient home of bells and bell-playing. He has committed to memory more than a thousand melodies and worked out the interpretation of a thousand more.

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## The Christmas Spirit

— REV. H. V. ELLISON —

Rockyford and Rosebud United Church

Christmas reveals to us that a child was born. That in itself was no unusual or uncommon thing. No doubt thousands of children were born into the world at the time Christ was born. About that Birthday hour, that humble Child, that lowly manger, the thought, love, life, of millions have from that day to this been. Without that Child, there would be no Christmas. "Hi, what day's this shouted old Scrooge to the boy in the street below, "Why Christmas Day?" screamed the boy, amazed at the incredible question. "Well what's Christmas?" We answer that question of old Scrooge's. Christmas is the Effulgent Glory, breaking forth to deluge a dark world with light. It is a fairy story so incredibly beautiful that it must be true.

It is the Annual Miracle of Rejuvenation. Folks go upstairs on Christmas Eve, just ordinary folk in ordinary clothes, and on Christmas morning they waken up appalled in the swaddling clothes of joy and innocence, the wild-eyed wonder of childhood. However old they may have been when they went to bed, when they waken up, they are as young as Peter Pan, and like him, they've lost their shadows - and their wrinkles and scowlings -

Christmas is a haven of Refuge into which for one blessed day, men escape from their beaten and distracted selves and gather like romping children about a manger cradle.

Christmas is the Sunlight of the Never-Never Land, tingling lives clouds with a fringe of promise and romance.

It is The Annual Prophecy of the Golden Age, when men are ready to believe that anything however wonderful, may break from the fertile horizons of the Infinite world.

Christmas is a Reversal of Life's Values, when all our pomp and cruel display, all our scramble after stocks and bonds and our nationalisms and imperialisms seem empty bubbles, and the only things that matter are grandmother's swimming eyes of gratitude, the brightly lit Christmas Tree, and healthy hilarity of children.

Christmas is the Incarnation of the Child Spirit, in a world pitifully and tragically sophisticated.

But above all, Christmas is the wonderland of Surprises, and the supreme surprise is this - and it is a secret only a few have learned - that God was so hungry for love, that he must needs nestle in a Mother's arms. No one could believe in a story like that except at Christmas time. Of course, it reads like a fairy story, but, as soon as Christmas comes we know it is true, because it is inevitable. God being Incarnate Love, He had to do the most surprisingly lovable thing that could be done, and so He came and laid Him down a tiny baby on the door-step of the world, and the gracious world, mother opened the door and took Him closer to her heart. That is why earth gets so close to heaven at the Christmas time. That is why aged men and women with silver hair and furrowed cheek, grow young again in the light of this blessed day. That's why so much gloom and forbidding disappear, while faith and joy hold high revel in the soul.

And the musical laughter mysterious whisperings, the surprise of receiving and the delights of giving, are so sweet in our eyes, as was the carolling on the Hills of Bethlehem. It is all a fairy story, and a true story as well, and if every day was Christmas, then every day we would know that fairyland is divided from Reality by only the thinnest of veils.

The Spirit of Christmas. In Lloyd

Douglas "White Banners," one of the characters says, "Funny thing Hannah I never felt this way about Christmas before - the spirit of it. I feel as if I know what it is all about, this time. "The reason was that he had actually forgiven the man who had terribly wronged him, and this was his reward, his heart was purged of its old bitterness and resentments, and he was mystified by the strange and blessed peace that had come upon him, and so he was able to enter into the spirit of Christmas. But Hannah always said that when a person makes a costly giving up, he gets something for it, deep down inside him.

Perhaps that was the principle that lay back of all the rituals of religion, the principle that we must be made ready for great things by paying in advance. The old Hebrew worshipper had to cleanse his hands in the vessel of water, pass through the ordeal of the flaming altar with its costly sacrifices, expose himself to the searching light of the seven-branched candleabra before he reached the place where he might kneel in peace before the holy place from which ascended the prayers of the saints like sweet incense. So it may be before some of us can kneel at the manger cradle this Christmas, we must go through some process of cleansing, of becoming reconciled to our brother, and of bringing sacrifices to make Christmas a season of joyousness and gratitude for some of God's less fortunate children. Then only shall we find ourselves saying, "Funny thing, Hannah, but I never felt this way about Christmas before the spirit of it. I feel as if I know what it is all about this time."

Christmas of course, is so great a boon that it is worth all it costs. This has been a sad old, bad old, world full of fear and threats of terrible things, and we can hardly wait for the mystic night to arrive when we shall open the golden gates, and steal back to childhood, and gather like care-free children round the Holy Babe. Christmas comes as a tidal wave of joy to sweep away all sinister structures, erected by our pessimism and foreboding. It comes like a ripple of gentle laughter surging across the face of the earth, and after it has passed, a new poise and faith return, and we are stronger and braver to take up our work again. After the shepherds had taken time to go to Bethlehem to worship at the Manger Cradle they returned, glorifying God and saying, "We have seen wondrous things to-night." Doubtless from that hour their hearts throbbled with a new ecstasy, their ordinary tasks glowed with a new radiance, the fields around them became holy ground because they had been touched with the tips of angels feet, and the sheep were tended with a new gentleness.

So all the other days of the year hold for us a greater measure of joy, and poetry and divinity because of this one transcendent day, when we lingered by the side of a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Christmas means that God is closer than at ordinary times. Men are more Christlike then, and because of that, the world is almost deluged with happiness. The scars and ugliness vanish from before our eyes, only the lovable, the innocent, and the radiant remain. Christmas is the prophecy of the good time coming when the Day Star from on high will illuminate the darkest places of the earth, and when over the bleakest areas of human distress, the angels will carol their sweetest songs. We who are so blest in this fair Canada, remember those in bombed and war scarred areas, and hope that some of the real Christmas spirit may touch their courageous and struggling lives,

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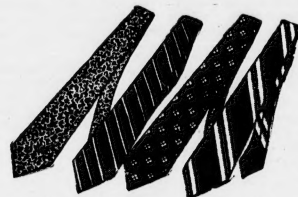


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### THE BOMBER PRESS IN GREAT BRITAIN

—Continued from page 11.

high praise of the men and officers there.

The men then broke ranks and we had a most informal talk with them, sitting on the ground with small groups of the men, who grouped themselves according to their home districts. In this way, I talked with P. Merlier, of Sherbrooke, C. Pigeon, who was formerly on the Sherbrooke Police Force, Germain Surprenant, of St. Johns, B. Vennis of 67th St. Shawinigan Falls, P. Simouneau of Sherbrooke, J. L. Fontaine, of St. Pie, and Claude Rochelleau, of St. Ceasre.

They spoke regretfully of many missing comrades and were concerned as to whether they would find the re-

placements just as congenial.

Their stories of Dieppe were gripping. One had told of being in charge of two carriers, which they finally landed after two attempts. After establishing a machine gun post, they came off again and landed ammunition.

Another told of seeing bombs dropping all around his boat, also many falling planes which he was unable to identify. He told of seeing a Spitfire and a Messerschmidt collide nose to nose and both fall into the sea.

One told of seeing Frenchmen waving them in with evidence of joy at seeing them.

A story they were chuckling over was of some men who finding the firing intense, took refuge behind some cases which they soon found out were filled with dynamite.

Many of these boys had brought back souvenirs of the raid, such as German badges, pencils, tobacco, etc. J. L. Fontaine said that it was his grandfather who used to operate the Fontaine Toll Bridge, near Milton, Que. He said that he had a war god-mother, Mrs. J. Pariseau, of Sherbrooke who had been very kind to him, and expressed the opinion that if relatives kept in close touch with the boys, they would more cheerfully car-

ry on.

The Fusiliers de Montreal certainly made a great name for themselves at Dieppe and set up a tradition for the French Canadian troops, and it was a great opportunity to meet and talk with them informally.

### A WINTER SNOWSTORM

Mother Winter's Geese

Old Mother Winter  
Is picking her geese  
(So I've heard folk say)  
when the air is white  
With snowy down  
And skies are leaden gray.  
Old Mother Winter  
Must keep a great flock  
Hidden up there in the sky  
Sixty or seventy  
Million — or more,  
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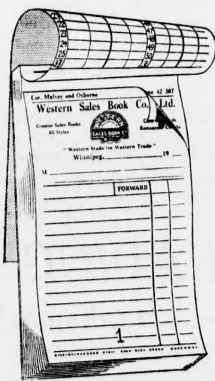
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Sunday, Dec. 20th — Advent IV —  
11.00 a.m. — Sunday School.  
7.30 p.m. — Evensong.  
Wednesday, December 23rd —  
7.00 p.m. — Junior Choir Practice.  
8.00 p.m. — Wartime Intercessions.  
Thursday, December 24th —  
CHRISTMAS EVE —  
11.45 p.m. Holy Communion and  
Sermon. Special music by the Junior  
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Friday, December 25th —  
9.30 a.m. — Holy Communion.  
"Peace upon earth goodwill to men,  
May Peace reign over the earth again"

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Strathmore — Alberta  
Rev. S. R. Hunt, B.A., B.D.,

Sunday, December 20th, 1942  
11.00 a.m. — Sunday School and  
Morning Congregation.  
11.30 a.m. — Nativity.  
3.00 p.m. — Cheadle.  
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What Shall We Do About It?  
In our last article an attempt  
was made to stress the permanent  
damage being done to our farm  
lands by erosion, and the urgent  
necessity of undertaking corrective  
measures. We promised to offer a  
few suggestions.

We believe that the Dominion  
Government should outline and  
announce a long-term soil conserva-  
tion scheme at the earliest possible  
date. The problem will never solve  
itself, and it will never be solved  
by year to year expediences.

It is probable that the good,  
reasonably level land on the open  
plains can be devoted to grain farm-  
ing almost indefinitely, and soil  
drifting controlled by strip farming  
and good tillage practices. In the  
park and wooded areas, where both  
soil drifting and water erosion are  
doing serious damage, grasses and  
clover must play an important  
part in any effective conservation  
programme.

Obviously, any scheme must  
recognize the differences in farming  
conditions between the open prairies  
and the park and wooded areas.  
Too many of us think of forage  
crops only in terms of markets for  
livestock. This is a secondary con-  
sideration. The soil must be pre-  
served. If acreage payments are to  
be made in 1943, we suggest that  
greater encouragement be given to  
grasses and clovers in specified  
areas. You say where is the seed  
coming from? I reply, from whence  
will it come in five years time if we  
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2. Don't think for a minute we're in  
this fight  
Just to settle the question "Who is  
right?"  
It's the "What is right?" we should  
keep in view,

## NIGHTINGALE

By M. H.

Congratulations are in order for Mary Larson who recently completed a business course at Henderson's business college in Calgary. She is now employed by the Debt adjustment board.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joel entertained a number of the male friends of their son Floyd at their home last Monday. Floyd left on Wednesday for Calgary where he enlisted in the army.

Thor Larson is home again after spending a short time in Calgary where he received treatment for a sore eye.

The Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the hall last Friday. The roll call, current events, was well answered. The annual report of secretary and treasurer were read and showed considerable work done during the year as well as a very satisfactory financial statement. The secretary was instructed to write a more detailed report of the years' activities for the Strathmore Standard. Mrs. Thurston read a short paper on the aims and work of the W. I. This branch aims in 1943 to do more work for the merchant marine as well as for the Red Cross. Mrs. Chas. Kimmitt, as our Red Cross member, gave an account of the work of the year. All officers and convenors were reelected and Mrs. Larson our old and new President in a short address told of how she became a member and of the good she derived from her connection with the W. I. It is hoped that we will have several new members in the coming year. All ladies of the community are cordially invited to join. An exchange of Christmas was enjoyed by all and it really marked the beginning of the Christmas season. A delicious tea was served and another pleasant year of Institute work was closed. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Walter Mercer's on January 15, 1943.

Nightingale School Concert and dance will be held next week. Valley Garden also has a programme and the big events are being kept well in mind by the children.

Mrs. Jack Stoodley and daughter Gertrude came from Entwistle Alberta and are at present are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stoodley. Miss Myrtle Stoodley spent the week-end at home. Myrtle is making splendid progress in her secretarial work at the training school.

## TEN TRICKY QUESTIONS

(H. V. O'Brien in the Chicago Daily News.)

Think you're pretty smart, huh? Then give these a spin on your cerebral cortex and see how you come out. I hope you do better than I did. My score was zero.

1. If three cats can kill three rats in three minutes, how long will it take 100 cats to kill 100 rats?
2. I have two current U. S. coins in my hand. Together they total 55 cents. One is not a nickel. What are the coins?
3. A rope ladder 10 feet long is hanging over the side of a ship. The rungs are a foot apart. The bottom rung is resting on the surface of the ocean. The tide rises at the rate of six inches an hour. When will the first three rungs be covered with water?
4. Which is correct: 8 and 8 is 15 or 8 and 8 is 15?
5. Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?
6. There are 10 black stockings and 10 white stockings in a drawer. If you

- reach into the drawer in the dark, what is the minimum number of stockings you might take out before you are sure of having a pair of stockings to match?
7. Take two apples from three apples and what have you got?
8. A blind beggar had a young sister who died. On her deathbed this sister said she never had a brother. If she was truthful, who was the blind beggar?
9. A customer hands a cigar clerk a \$5 bill for \$2 worth of cigars. The latter has no change, but he gets some from a drug store clerk next door, who gives him five \$1 bills for the \$5 bill. The customer leaves with the cigars and \$3 in change. An hour later the drug store clerk rushes in saying the \$5 bill was counterfeit. The cigar clerk gives him a good \$5 bill. How much did the cigar clerk lose in money and cigars?
10. An archaeologist has reported

- finding a Babylonian coin marked 646 B. C. Is he telling the truth?
- And here are the answers:
1. Three minutes. It takes each cat three minutes to kill each rat.
2. A 50-cent piece and a nickel. The other is a nickel.
3. Never. The ladder and ship will rise with the tide.
4. Neither: 8 and 8 are still 16
5. Only dead men have widows!
6. Three. You might have a pair after taking out two stockings. If not the third one you take must match either the black or the white stockings already removed.
7. Two apples, of course.
8. Her sister.
9. Five dollars. two in merchandise and three in cash.
10. How did anyone know Christ was coming in 649 years?

## Not His Business

The old Southerner, brimming with pride over his farm in the Alabama coastal region, was extolling its merits to a Northern friend.

"Why, man," he said proudly, "the trees grow so thick on that land that you couldn't put your arm between them. And as for wild life, deer are so big that their antlers have a spread of 10 feet!"

The Northerner's eyes mirrored questions. He said, "It's interesting, Colonel, but how in the world do the deer get their antlers between those trees?"

The Colonel stiffened.

"That, ah," he replied, pompous: "is their business!"

English teacher: Will you correct this sentence, "Girls are naturally better looking than boys."

Sophomore: Girls is artificially better looking than boys.

## Absent-minded

A policeman came along and found a man lying on the sidewalk groaning.

Policeman: What is the matter with you?

Man: (With a groan) It was all on account of absent-mindedness. My wife and I were sitting in the living-room earlier in the evening when we heard someone coming up the hall. My wife was so absent-minded she said, "That's my husband." And I was so absent-minded I jumped out the window.

## Too Bad

"You're looking very down in the mouth, Mac!"

"Ay, I am that. A dentist was in the hall o', giving a drink to simulate patients who had a tooth out."

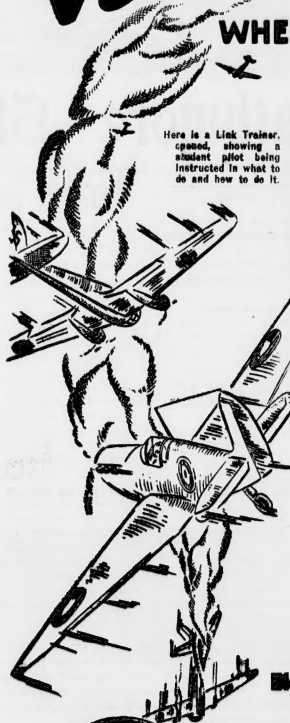
"Ha, ha! I get you. He's run out of whisky."

"Nae—I've run out o' teeth!"

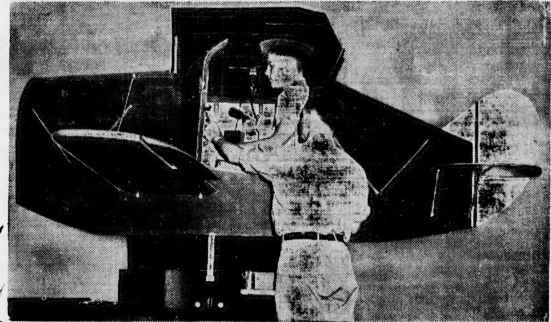
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## From The Strathmore Standard

### ARDENODE

— By H. M. A. —

Two very delightful showers were held last week, one at the home of Miss Elaine Sarsons, also one at the home of Mrs. H. Sharman in honor of Miss Marjorie Dawson whose marriage is to take place this week in Strathmore to Mr. Charles L. Coles. Games were enjoyed during the afternoon, after which, Marjorie was presented with some very lovely and useful gifts. Marjorie graciously expressed her thanks. A delicious lunch was served, after which we all joined in extending best wishes to the guest of honor for her future happiness in the years to come.

Messrs Ralph and Ross Coles, also Miss July Coles of Maple Creek are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dawson for the wedding of Mr. C. Coles on Wednesday.

Mrs. Daphne Osborne has returned home after a two weeks holiday in Victoria, B. C.

Mr. Donald Sarsons who has enlisted in the Navy leaves to take up his duties on December 30. We all wish him the very best of luck.

The Whist drive held in Service School Friday night last was very well attended. The winner of the first prize was Mrs. A. Morton the consolation going to Mrs. Brooks. The gentlemen's first was won by Mr. A. M. Watson the consolation going to Mr. A. Gillings. The tray which was made by the pupils and raffled was won by Mr. W. A. Freeman. Everyone had a very happy and pleasant evening, to say nothing of the boost it gave to Santa.

We had a lovely taste of spring this last week-end. Beautiful sunshine, and a nice warm shower of rain, gives old man Winter a break anyhow.

### WEDDING

COLES-DAWSON

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Strathmore United Church Wednesday December 16 at 3 p.m. when Miss Marjorie Dawson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dawson pioneer settlers of the Ardenode District, became the bride of Mr. Charles Louis Coles of Maple Creek Saskatchewan. Rev. S. R. Hunt officiated.

Given in marriage by her father the bride made a very winsome picture in her wedding gown of white silk crepe floor length and cut on Grecian line. She wore a long white veil fastened in a halo style with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was pink Tailsman roses and fern. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar

### FINAL BINGO PARTY

On Thursday, December 10 the Strathmore ladies Bingo Club held its final bridge party of the year in the dining room of the Strathmore Hotel. Husbands and friends of the members were invited to make up six tables of play, after which Bingo was enjoyed. Refreshments were then served and following this, Mrs. Newmeyer gave to each member in turn, a sealed envelope containing their year's Christmas savings. Mrs. Issard, on behalf of the Club, presented to Mrs. Newmeyer a dainty luncheon set appreciative of her services as treasurer. Dancing concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Winners of the bridge were ladies high. Miss Katherine Hellingier, consolation. Mrs. R. Newmeyer. Men's high, Sgt. Major Tew, consolation, Mr. Len Roberts. Travelling prizes went to Mrs. H. Potter and Mr. R. Newmeyer.

Or of Calgary were attendants.

Mrs. Orr as matron of honor wore a floor length blue taffeta gown with matching accessories and white gloves. She carried pink carnations.

The ushers were Wilfred Sharman and Donald Sarsons. The wedding music was effectively played by Miss Gerry Van Tighem.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Walter Mercer sang in excellent voice "At Dawning". Mrs. Dawson, mother of the bride wore a brown crepe dress with matching hat and accessories and a corsage of deep pink rose buds and forget-me-nots.

The Church was artistically decorated with a profusion of bronze and mauve mums and fern; the same color scheme being carried out in the Memorial Hall where the reception was held.

A reception was held for about fifty guests, the bride's table being centered with a three-tier wedding cake and tall white candles.

The toast to the bride was aptly proposed by Mr. Phil Sarsons and well responded to by the groom. The best man proposed a graceful to his wife, the matron of honor.

The honeymoon will be spent in Maple Creek Saskatchewan at the home of the groom's parents and after their return the young couple will reside at Ardenode.

For her going away gown the bride wore a rose colored crepe afternoon dress with top coat.

Out of town guests were the groom's brothers and sister, Messrs Ralph and Ross and Miss Ruby Coles of Maple Creek Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dawson are worthy pioneer settlers and the Standard joins in felicitations to the young couple.

### GOD GRANT US PEACE

Red strife 'gainst race or creed,  
Man against man or breed is not Thy plan.

Return the peace tide in again  
To wash the storm stained shores  
that span  
The world.... May troubles cease  
Their plots to rob the earth of peace  
And justice, righteousness and rest  
In every land be manifest. — T. B. W.

### NEWS FROM O'SEAS

An Interesting Letter From  
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October 28th, 1942.

Dear Friends;

I'm in rather a quandary as to how to explain my negligence in at least answering and thanking you for the first parcel you sent me. Not of course that an explanation would justify it, but perhaps it would ease my peace of mind. May I say now that I do deeply appreciate your kindness.

I received two parcels from you, one just yesterday, and the other as you would know two months ago. Parcels at best are very few and far between I'm afraid, so to receive one unexpectedly is a very pleasant surprise. Personally I get as much enjoyment from opening one as I used to when opening my Christmas parcels, years ago, or so it seems years now. Yours was the first and has been the only word I've had from Strathmore itself, and I was glad to hear from you. I would like very much to have a letter from you sometime with a word or two of the latest gossip, for I have a tender spot for the old town.

Memory comes to-day, of the long sloping main street with the green trees of the park forming an end to it, swimming in that same park after school, skating in it in winter, and of the long rambles over the hills, alone to that one large hill to the north-east, (I forget the name of it) where you could sit and rest and see the homes with smoking chimneys stretched out below like a miniature. You wouldn't know I guess how beautiful the home town can seem when remembered from a distance of miles and years.

I look forward now to someday seeing it again and possibly I'll be able to shake your hand and say thank you for remembering me.

But until then I will just write my thanks and say "Ah, Revolt" for now.

Very sincerely yours,  
Robert Seales.

### LEGION NOTES

Adverse weather reduced the usual attendance at the last meeting but every one had his say at a round table discussion on many matters dealing with the correspondence. The chief topic was the meeting called for Post War Reconstruction at Edmonton. In the main the resolution looked good but the sponsoring the conference had such a strong political odour that it was eventually decided to wait and see The Dominion President's Armistice address and the talk by the Provincial President were commented on favourably. The Calgary Kinsman Club thanked the members for the donation of \$20.00 the proceeds of the Milk Fund Dance. Thanks were also received from the Sorosis Society and the Standard for donations to their funds to send parcels and the paper overseas. The usual grant was passed for the School Fair, and after a talk by one of the members on the splendid fight put up by U. S. S. R. it was unanimously agreed to donate \$10.00 to the Aid For Russia Fund. The Reserve will hold their indoor shoot on the first and third Thursday of each month. It is the intention to enter a seven man team for the provincial competition so that as many as can are asked to turn out and keep up the good work.

### UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNED TO OFFICE

The Annual meeting of the United Church Sunday School was held at the home of Frances Gray, the secretary-treasurer, on Monday evening, the 14. An encouraging financial report was received and it was suggested that parents encourage the regular and prompt attendance of their young people, in which there should be a marked improvement. Superintendent McMurray was commended for his vigorous leadership and projected plans for another year. All the staff have given devoted service, and in being returned to office merit the full support of our church families.

### Inoculation Against Diphtheria

Forty-five had their inoculation against diphtheria on Friday Dec. 11. Last spring 240 were inoculated. This should effectively protect the town from any epidemic of this dread disease. The next inoculation will be given at the High School at 4 p.m. Monday January 4th.

Toronto by compulsory inoculation have practically kept the city free of diphtheria for the past 6 years. Nine cases occurred this year due to

### HERVEY

— By M. W. L. —

Hervey friends will be interested to hear Mrs. Robt. Marshman (Ruth Hagen) is the proud mother of twins born December 3rd, Gail Irene and Gordon Leon. Congratulations.

Mr. Frank Pow of Edmonton visited at the Campbell home lately, taking his little daughter Eleanor home with him. Eleanor had been staying with her auntie during her mother's illness in hospital from arthritis.

Mr. J. Takahashi's son Harry, 22 years old came from Ontario to visit his parents and little brother last week.

Miss Ruth Haerle of Olds visited Mrs. Laycraft last week.

### CARSELAND

COLE — McLEOD

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Rex Brown, Calgary, December 9th at 5 p.m. when Beatrice Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. McLeod of High River became the bride of Sgt. Pilot William B. Cole son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cole of Carseland.

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a floor length gown of turquoise blue sheer over taffeta, her long veil was held in place by orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Frances Cole sister of the groom was bridesmaid. Her gown was of rose taffeta and she carried pale pink carnations.

Mr. Jack Cole was groomsmen. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Tea Kettle Inn for 20 friends and relatives.

The brides table was centred with a tiered wedding cake and decorated with red and white carnations. Mr. Jack Smith proposed a toast to the bride.

After a short honeymoon they will make their home in High River where Sgt. Pilot Cole is an instructor with the R. C. A. F.

Earle Berquist has not been feeling very well lately. He is in Calgary at present taking treatments from Dr. Messenger.

The Annual Old Time Dance will be held on December 29th. Keep that date open folks.

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persons from outside coming to live in the city.

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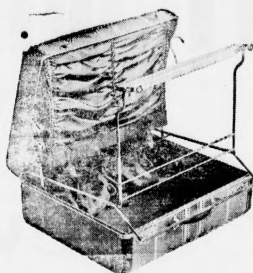
# Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year



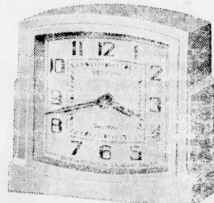
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OVERSEAS IN ENGLAND

By WALTER R. LEGGE

While in England the Canadian editors were shown in great detail all the various activities of the Canadian Army in England.

There was no effort to show all of the army overseas, but at least one unit of each kind was visited and studied, and the ramifications of the various activities are truly amazing.

The first unit visited was an Ordnance Corps work shop, manned by highly skilled men making all kinds of repairs. There was an armours shop, making repairs and adjustments to all kinds of guns, an optical shop making repairs to field glasses, microscopes, and similar instruments, a wireless shop repairing and making wireless receiving sets and transmitters, and a fine instrument shop which could even make parts and repairs to a watch.

The main shop at this unit is in charge of Capt. M. H. Hastings, who comes from Stanstead, Que., and who reported that he receives the Stanstead Journal regularly and enjoys every word of it. He has been overseas since September 1940. Another man at this unit is F. Beaseley, of Guelph, Ont., who was a runner up for the King's Prize for shooting at Bisley a few years ago.

The work of maintenance of equipment is a very important part of the army as we realized more and more as the tour progressed. While we saw many places where maintenance and repair work is carried on, this first unit was the only one doing the highly specialized work on instruments which we visited.

**Field Battery Operations—**

The same afternoon a study was made of Field Battery Operations. This was an illuminating demonstration of the close liaison between army and air force. It was shown how the decision is made as to whether air or ground gun action is to be employed and how each oneis called into action.

As part of this demonstration, two batteries were set up in hiding under camouflage and a patrol of Mustangs were called out from a nearby air

field. It was their job to locate the batteries and photograph them.

These tremendously fast and powerful planes gave the editors a real thrill as they circled and dived over the field, swooping down at times so close that it seemed as if they were going to take off our hats. It did not take them long to spot the hidden batteries and with a gay flourish they were off. We were hurried over to the aerodrome and on our arrival were shown the finished pictures of the batteries taken from the planes.

Leaving the drome, we drove for many miles, stopping for our evening meal at East Grinstead where we ate in the room which the local Rotary Club uses for their meetings. Passing through many lovely old villages, we finally arrived at the hotel which was to be our headquarters for the next ten days.

**Accommodation Difficulties—**

It is most difficult at this time to find accommodation for a party such as our, which with drivers, photographer and officers numbered about sixteen. Many hotels are closed, many taken over by the government and those which have rooms are short of food, or if they have food, are short of rooms.

However, a quiet hotel in a seaside

**THE WISHING WELL**

"And now," says Florence, "we drop a little stone into the Well and wish ever so hard." And so it all begins, CBC's "Wishing Well" series, heard on Sundays at 10:30 p.m. CET (9:30 p.m. MDT) is a flight into Fairyland, with fresh young voices speaking and singing, and the gossamer notes of an elfin violin. Here we see Douglas and Florence and Rose at the Wishing Well, about to drop the magic Stone. Douglas Rain, youthful Winnipeg actor, heard on many CBC dramatic programs Florence Forsberg, charming young

soprano, lately of Fort Frances, now of Winnipeg; and Rose Zacek, Winnipeg violinist, are the principals of this light-hearted programme, written and directed by Producer Bernard Deaville of CBC Winnipeg. The combined ages of the three children total 42 14 years each. Florence's lovely voice was heard previously on CBC networks in the Swedish programme of the "Canadians All" series. Excited CBC producers subsequently predicted that Jenny Lind's true successor had been found at last.

resort was able to look after the party and so arrangements had been made there in advance. Such resorts today are almost deserted. Pleasure travel is most definitely discouraged, and most seaside places are under severe restrictions as to visitors.

Each day we started out early and travelled many miles in our private bus to various units, and most nights arrived at the hotel very late, usually travelling for many miles in the black-out. The way our advance rider and our bus driver could drive at good speed through the darkness was always a thrilling experience to a party who had always been used to driving with powerful headlights. To add to our wonderment, there never was a single direction sign or name post, and how they found their way without pause at intersections was a mystery.

**Dieppe Units Visited—**

When we arrived in England, the thrilling story of Dieppe had just broken and everybody was discussing the exploit.

Therefore the next item on our programme, a visit with units that had just returned from Dieppe was of special interest. We were greeted by General J. H. Roberts who led the Dieppe expedition and who spoke in

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Amy "Sorry Ma'ma I was accidentally dusting."

Second: (to boxer) "Keep your eye on his right."  
Boxer: "I'd love to, but the blighter keeps his right on my eye."

## A.F.U. Meeting

At a meeting of the Strathmore local branch of the Alberta Farmers Union, held in the Memorial Hall Monday afternoon, Mr. Nichols, Provincial Secretary, stated that the main objective of the Union is to obtain parity price. Parity price, he explained, is that price which will assure that a reasonable relation exists between what the farmer pays for what he has to buy and what he receives for what he has to sell.

Farming, he pointed out, was the only industry geared to wartime production before war was declared. Had any other war industry been geared to such a peak production, it would have been highly praised, but the overproduction of wheat is looked on as a curse.

The people of Western Canada can't make a living supplying a living for everyone else, he declared. Despite all the good wheat, oats and barley being raised in the West we have accumulated a debt of over \$800,000,000. And this despite the fact that Alberta produces more per man per acre than any other place in the world.

Farmers must organize, Mr. Nichols declared, and make their voice heard through their organization. He heartily agreed with Mr. MacKenzie King's statement that unless the New Order is on its way before the war is over, it won't ever come about. This new order, the speaker suggested, will not necessarily be better unless the people see that it is. He said that the farmers must be in a position, through their organization to present their viewpoint and then be able to back it up. They must be sure of just what they want and then, through their organization, demand it.

There is plenty of money for destruction now so there should be plenty of money for construction after the war. He advocated that electricity, water and other conveniences should be as available to farmers as they are to people in the cities.

Mr. Livingston, a member of the Pro-

vincial Executive said farmers want to get away from slavery, they must organize their industry as other industry as other industries have been organized.

To show what proper organization can do he cited the sugar beet industry. All beets are grown under contract and the sugar beet farmers know exactly where they stand. They can grow and sell beets only on as many acres as they have a contract for. The factories receive 50 percent of the selling price of sugar and the farmers receive the other 50 per cent. This assures them cost of production and a fair profit. If such organization were brought into the farming industry, many farmers might have to reduce their wheat production but, he said, why grow what you cannot sell and what really becomes a liability to save.

He asked for the honest, sincere support of every member of the A. F. U. and asked everyone to become an organizer and obtain new members for the union.

A question period followed, when Mr. Nichols and Mr. Benington answered questions brought up by various farmers present. C. H. Cowell was chairman and L. Campbell Secretary of the meeting. The meeting was not largely attended, only about a third of the membership being present.

### Action

Three explorers in the bush had no food and only one cartridge. They drew lots for the use of it. The winner set off, but had not gone far before he was faced by two lions. He immediately fled back to the tent, hotly pursued by the lions.

Just as they made their final spring he stepped smartly to one side, allowing the lions to burst through the tent opening. Quickly he closed the flaps and shouted to his companions "Start skinning these two while I look around for a few more."

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DECEMBER 11 — 1942.

The delegates chose well for the future of their party and Canada in selecting John Bracken to lead them in the years ahead. He possesses a sane practical outlook and not tied to party politics to the exclusion of the bigger and broader outlook.

Leader Bracken will be an able acquisition to the Ottawa Parliament.

WINNIPEG—Premier John Bracken of Manitoba stepped into the leadership of the Conservative party Friday carrying with him the party label "Progressive" and the views he has held and fought for in 20 years of leadership in Manitoba politics.

He left no doubt as to what he expected from his new political association. It was "team play," the same kind of team play he received from his Liberal-Progressive and other supporters in Manitoba.

"I want to work out such a program for the future as will give to the youth of this country, as well as to the middle-aged and the old of every race and creed and economic group, ample justification for a militant faith in what we stand for," said Mr. Bracken, Planning Planned.

"I want team-play in doing it; team-play from the grand fellows who contested this nomination with me; team-play from the officers of this organization and from the rank and file of the Canadian people, and team-play from the best specialized brains of this country upon which we must draw, if from out of the complicated structure of our economy, we are to arrive at wise, rational policies that will be the general good."

"I want to help build a united Canada," he said. "I want to try to get Canada back to the unity which MacDonald and Cartier gave it at the beginning and that Laurier so well maintained."

From Lethbridge Herald.

## THE 'OUT-SIDE'

● Visiting speakers at the Post-War Reconstruction Conference which Premier Abernethy last week announced for December 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Edmonton will include Charles O. Benham, Joliet, Ill., publisher and lecturer Mrs. L. Lunde, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. M. Allison Kern, Vancouver and Rev. S. H. Middleton, of St. Paul's Indian School, Carleton.

Meetings will be held afternoon and evening during the conferences and resolutions to be introduced for discussion will touch on a program of post-war reconstruction; the peoples' policy; provision of rehabilitation measures for returned fighting men; the transition from war to peace industry; international relations; unemployment, work and wages.

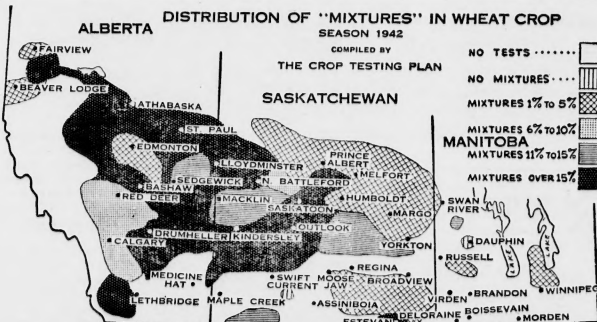
### ● COAL — COAL

With the establishment of a three man coal board composed of Graham Towers, Bank of Canada governor, J. McStewart, K. C., of Halifax and Charles Payne, Mountain Park miners' union official hopes are entertained that an end will be made to the current crisis in coal deliveries. Hon. N. E. Tanner, minister of lands and mines, is awaiting suggestions as to how to his department can best co-operate with the board. Meanwhile, the branch is issuing certificates to new miners so that production at the coal face can be speeded up.

● Single license plates will be issued to motor car owners in Alberta for the 1943-44 license year which opens April 1 next. The single plate will be perforated so as to provide for the attachment of a 1944 tab. All this will be done in the interests of conservation made necessary by wartime conditions.

● The recent approval of the use of Brucella vaccine by the Dominion Government, making vaccine available to farmers through qualified veterinarians is a step forward in reducing the losses among cattle due to Bang's Disease. It must be recognized, however, that Brucella vaccine is a live vaccine and care must be practised in its storage and use.

Wife "I saw the cutest hat down town today."  
Husband Put it on, and lets see how you look in it."



This chart reveals the distribution over the prairie provinces of wheat crops which contained bad mixtures, all as shown by some 12,000 tests of growing crops made by the "Crop Testing Plan" this summer. The map should serve as a guide to those who are charged with the good work of improving the prairie wheat crop. It has been said time and time again that

there is no single action any farmer can take that will so increase his income as the elimination of mixtures of poor varieties from his crop. This can easily and inexpensively be done by the use each year of a few bushels of good Registered and Certified seed preferably sealed in the sack. The wheat crops containing bad mixtures this year amount to 11.3 per cent, a

considerable improvement over 1936 when crops containing mixtures formed no less than 22.6 per cent of the total, and a very considerable improvement over 1931, the first year of the "Crop Testing Plan" work, when no less than 34 per cent of all wheat crops were shown to consist of such bad mixtures.

## Have We 'Room' For Christ At Christmastide?

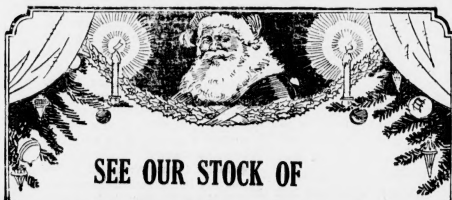
— REV. S. R. HUNT —  
Strathmore United Church

There is a distinct longing for the Prince of Peace. "Do you think the war will soon be over?" which if it means anything it means "do you think the Prince of Peace will soon come to dwell with us?" Distressed but hopeful souls are asking this question on all sides, now that more encouraging news has continued to come through. Yet the world's longing for the Prince of Peace has scarcely been

strong enough at any time to make "room" for him. If he had his place in our world life his kingdom would have come, his will would have been done. He has been eternally trying to enter into life but as men and nations, like the Inn at Bethlehem, we have not "room" for him. If we had, he would have set the pattern of things at Ottawa, Washington, London, Paris, Moscow, Rome, Berlin, and Tokyo. He has urged on us the answer to our longing, the Prince of Peace will come into our world-life just as soon as we will

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find "room" for him. Has he not said, "I am come that they might have life and have it abundantly?" But until we find room for him in our world-life, our home life will remain insecure incomplete, if not desolate.

However, if we excuse ourselves as hardly being responsible for such large affairs, (though surely our hope is in a sufficient quality of life, in sufficient individuals and racial groups, providing room for the Christ of the nations) shall we not at least make what room we as individuals can make for Him in our conduct in our own homes? There we have the sole responsibility. I am sure we shall in a measure, but the indwelling Christ must have generous measure. Henry Hallam Tweed measures us in his poem Christmas at Babbitt's.—

On Christmas eve they filled the house, some fifty guests all told,  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, were you left out in the cold?)

And at midnight, played cards and danced till early morning light.  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, did they think of you that night?)

Next morning came the presents on a glittering Christmas tree.  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, was there any gift for thee?)

The dinner was a Roman feast, and how those guests did eat!  
(O Little Lord of Christmas were you hungry in the street?)

Then came some tears, a movie, and at night the last revue.  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, what had these to do with you?)

By midnight all were tired and cross and tumbled into bed.  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, did they think that you were dead?)

They all woke up with headaches and no joy in work or play.  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, did they mark your birth that day?)

The love, the joy were good, no doubt; the rest a pagan spree.  
(O Little Lord of Christmas, let us keep the day with Thee.)

BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES  
AGREE UPON STRATEGY AND  
WAR OUTPUT FOR MAXIMUM  
EFFORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 — Full agreement on how the United States and Great Britain can bring to bear their maximum impact against the Axis in 1943 has now been reached by the two countries, it was learned authoritatively today.

This agreement extends both to the main lines of strategy and to war production and represents a far-reaching understanding between Anglo-American military and supply leaders.

Growing out of this agreement together with recent Allied advances on all fronts is the considered military judgment which now prevails in the Capital and which can be reported in these terms:

1. That the initiative in the Pacific and the European theaters of the war has definitely passed to the United Nations.
2. That both Germany and Japan have been forced into defensive states of mind.
3. That the Allies have it in their power now, if that power is skillfully and effectively used, to prevent the Axis from undertaking a single further offensive operation in this war.

4. None can love freedom but good men; the rest love not freedom but license. —Milton.

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## A Christmas Message

— REV. M. J. FITZPATRICK —  
Sacred Heart Church

Once again the world prepares to celebrate the most joyous event ever offered for human contemplation—the birth of a Saviour for the human race.

It is a day which gladdens the hearts of all mankind, urges them to overcome the selfishness of their nature and extend favors to all around them.

It is the season above all other when the hearts of men are warmed with love and gratitude for the numberless favors which Almighty God has conferred on mankind, but especially for the inestimable favor on this day sending into the world His Divine Son whose life blood was to pay the price of our redemption.

It is the season when friends long parted wish to be united; when members of the same family desire to meet beneath the parental roof; it is the season of well wishing, of hearty greetings. In a word it is the season of true charity.

It is more than this. These are but the external manifestations of an inward joy arising from a consciousness of being regenerated from vice and corruption.

There is something characteristically strange in the celebration of the feast of Christmas this year, that on the day on which we commemorate the coming into this world of the Prince of Peace, that the world should be again in the midst of war.

History recalls the unfortunate fact that war and strife, hatred and discontent have continued their relentless march among men and nations for the greater part of the Christian era. For only 200 out of the past two thousand years has the world enjoyed any kind of intermittent Christ given peace.

Christ came to bring to mankind love not hatred—peace not war—faith not unbelief—friendship and not enmity. The peace of Christ promised to the world on that first Christmas night was conditioned. It was for men of good will. Is it possible that men of good will are lacking in this world?

That the Divine Infant may grant to all spiritual and temporal peace at this holy season is my Christmas greeting to all.

## Christmas Message

— S. H. CROWTHER —

Christmas is a Christian Festival. Christ was the Prince of Peace. In word we adhere to the tenets of the Christian Faith; whether we do so in deed is extremely doubtful.

At this Christmastide the World is at War. No war in World History has been a global war in the sense that this one is.

After this war politicians of yet undetermined color may be holding the balance of power between forces that would ensure peace through co-operation and forces that would toss peace on the roulette table of national and economic isolationism. Christianity is international. "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD and preach the Gospel." This is the fact that workers for world peace must work with today.

The foremost among them recognize this. They know that politicians must

watch the votes, and that where public servants stand when post-war organization of collective security becomes the main political issue depends on whether the voters of the United Nations have shown that they are aware of its importance.

People have awakened, after more than three years of bitter experience to the need of defending themselves in co-operation with their allies against despotism and aggression, they are only partly awake to the reason why this defense must take place on bloody battlefields instead of in council rooms

and assembly halls.

Leaders of religious and social groups are seeking today for practical suggestions as how to bring home to peace-loving citizens, the necessity of making their voice clear. The demand for international co-operation must be so definite, that no politician will dare to betray the greatest hope of the coming post-war period as a few war-able to betray the greatest hope of 1918. In other words we must practice as well as preach, Christianity.

It is with this thought in mind that the Students and Staff of the Strath-

more School wish you one and a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 1943. — S. H. Crowther.

## Season's Greetings

— JAMES HARWOOD —  
Reeve M. D. Bow Valley No. 219

As the Christmas Season approaches we again look forward to those happy

gatherings with old friends and loved ones. However, so many of our boys and girls have left us for a time, that we must content ourselves with the hope that before another year goes by we will all resume the places we left, and make next Christmas the happiest one we have ever known.

In the meantime, our thoughts are ever with those who are unable to be with us at this time and we join together in wishing them the Compliments of the Season and a Speedy Return.

## "A Toast to a Distinguished Ginger Ale"

The advertisement features a central image of a hand holding a glass of ginger ale, with a bottle of Calgary Ginger Ale to the left. The background is dark with a decorative border at the top and bottom. The word "Calgary" is written in a large, stylized script font, and "GINGER ALE" is written in a bold, sans-serif font below it. A circular logo with a bull's head is also visible.

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## Local News Items

Lieut. Arthur Lambert is home from Sutherland on furlough and Christmas leave looking very fit.

Mr. and Mrs. MacMurray and Jean are leaving Thursday for Montreal where they will meet Betty and then go on to Port Neuf to spend Christmas with Mrs. McMurray's sister.

The group committee of the Scouts and Cubs appreciating the many kindnesses received from Herb Harmer presented him with a warm pair of mitts and slippers as a tangible token of their appreciation. Herb was much pleased.

L. A. C. Gaylon Robinson and wife have arrived from Saskatoon to enjoy a couple of weeks furlough with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson and family.

The Sorosis Bridge Party held Thursday last in the Memorial Hall proved a very enjoyable social evening. Fourteen tables were in play with a number sending in cash donations making the total amount to \$20. Winners of the prizes were, high score Mrs. Ian MacKenzie and Mr. Hansen. Consolation, Mrs. J. Downey and Mr. A. Pierson. The funds will provide cigarettes for men now serving overseas.

We are sorry to hear of Ronald Kermack's accident when he broke his arm while cranking the car on Sunday.

Boys seen home for the week-end were, Walter Backs, Jack Coldwell, Ed Harwood, Jim Kermack, and Harold Hunt.

Mrs. Hirtle who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Dolich in Moscow, Idaho, arrived home Tuesday evening.

Allistair McCrear will spend the Christmas week-end at his home in Strathmore.

P. O. Hughes T. S. is expected for the New Year's week-end at home instead of Christmas as first planned.

Chuck McLean will come home from Vancouver for the New Year's week-end at home.

Sgt. John Hickey who is now in training in the R. C. A. F. Edmonton will spend Dec. 24-28 with his family at the Hirtle home in Strathmore.

Captain Leonard and L. A. C. Jack Van Tighem will come home for the New Year's holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston of Milo will be Christmas week-end guests of Mrs. Gladys Morgan and Hugh Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill will entertain at a Family Dinner Party Christmas Day with several adult guests.

Dona Nicholl will come from Edmonton to spend his Christmas week-end holiday at home.

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ALL STRATHMORE STORES WILL  
BE CLOSED

FRIDAY, DEC. 25th—  
SATURDAY, DEC. 26th—  
SUNDAY, DEC. 27th—  
Please prepare accordingly.

## COMING EVENTS

Remember the Old Timers Dance,  
Carleton Community Hall, Tuesday  
December 29th.

Strathmore School  
Remember the Strathmore School  
Christmas Concert in the Memorial  
Hall Tuesday Dec. 22 commencing at  
4 p.m. sharp

Charles Harvey narrowly escaped  
what might have proved a very serious  
accident Monday evening on the  
East highway, when due to the very  
icy roads, his car skidded and over-  
turned 2 or 3 times. Fortunately Mr.  
Harvey got off with nothing worse  
than a scratched lip and a bad shaking  
up. Lester Jones who came along  
just at the time took Charles to the  
home of Morris West where he was  
cared for until able to go on home.

Alberta North R. N. of Moscow,  
Idaho, is spending the Christmas Hol-  
idays with her parents here, previous  
to leaving for Baltimore, Md. where  
she will take a year's Post Graduate  
Course in Aesthetics, at the John's  
Hopkins Hospital.

Mrs. Max Walls is in town for the  
Christmas Vacation, a guest of her  
sister, Mrs. Ian MacKenzie.

Mrs. Doucet and baby whose husband  
is stationed in the R. C. A. F. in  
Calgary has arrived to spend the  
Christmas holidays with her uncle and  
Aunt Mr. Ken and the Misses Rogers  
Strathmore.

Miss Esther Hildahl is leaving for  
the west coast in the near future  
where she will be engaged in war  
work.

At the funeral service of Mrs. Agar  
conducted last Friday by Rev. S. R.  
Hunt, Miss Kilpirt, a friend of the  
family sang "Jesus is All the World to  
Me" and a quartette comprising Misses  
Jean Garrett and Shirley Boyden, Dr.  
Giffen and D. A. Perry sang "The  
Homeland. Rev. Hunt based his re-  
marks on the same subject.

Leland Lewis son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Lewis of the Log Cabin Garage has  
been promoted to Petty Officer in the  
R. C. N. Leland was on the ships  
transporting troops from England to  
points in North Africa previous to the  
recent invasion.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harwood left  
last Saturday for Mullin, Idaho called  
there by the sudden death of Mrs. Har-  
wood's brother Mr. Perry Wicks.

"Bill" Anderson left Wednesday for  
Frankfort Ontario, where he will  
spend the winter with his sister, Mrs.  
Lyons.

### AID TO RUSSIA FUND

The above fund is meeting with a  
very sympathetic response as it should  
\$80.50 has up to date been received at  
the Coldwell Agencies, and more is  
constantly being added.

Two farmers came in with a dona-  
tion of \$10.00 each.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Billy Tonack  
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Though lost to sight to memory ever  
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siderable amusement from the laugh-  
ter of his friends respecting his more  
than adequate bulk; and never hesi-  
tated to lay himself open to their lev-  
ity.

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TANGERINES 1 Dozen	.40	CURRENTS— lbs.	.29
GRAPE FRUIT— Large, each	.10	MIXED PEEL—tins 1 lb.	.29
LEMONS— 1 Dozen, 300's	.43	PUMPKIN— 2 1/2 Tin	.15
APPLES— McIntosh Fancy, Large Size, Case	2.80	S. D. CAKE FLOUR— Package	.34
Delicious, Fancy, Large Size, Case	2.85	● FOR THE MEN— TIES— in Fancy Boxes, Price—	50.75 1.00
SWEET POTATOES— 2 lbs.	.25	SUSPENDERS— Christmas Boxed Priced at — \$1.15; \$1.30; \$1.75	
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